

# District 25 News

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**2010 Community  
Survey Results  
in this issue!**

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Mahalo to each of you who returned this year's community survey to me with your ideas for our state's priorities.

Over 6,500 surveys were distributed with the January 2010 edition of District 25 News, via US mail, community drop sites, and e-delivery. 286 respondents, or roughly 4.4% of the total surveys distributed, answered 30 questions which focused on the state's budget challenges, specifically questions about generating more revenue, prioritizing infrastructure needs, and spending taxpayers' dollars.

No matter how carefully worded or widely distributed, surveys like this are not the definitive measures of public sentiment. But no matter how imperfect they are, these surveys still provide valuable insights into thinking among public citizens. I appreciate the time taken to respond, and I hope that you find these results informative and that more neighbors will see the value in participating.

The full survey form and questions may be found in the January 2010 issue of District 25 News and may be downloaded from the Majority Caucus webpage at [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hsemaj/belatti\\_della.html](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hsemaj/belatti_della.html). Survey comments may have been edited for clarity or space constraints or to combine a variety of persons' comments on the same issue. Not all comments provided could be included in the survey results.

Please feel free to contact me at my office on any of these issues at [repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov) or 586-9425.

With warmest aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Della Au Belatti".

Della Au Belatti  
State Representative, District 25



To help Hawaii's economy, some say that we need to give tax credits while others feel that it only benefits a certain segment of our community. How do you feel about tax credits for the following?

	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	No opinion or No answer	Somewhat support	Strongly support
1) Businesses that increase jobs in Hawaii	5%	7%	10%	31%	47%
2) Installing energy saving equipment	2%	4%	8%	27%	59%
3) Homeowners for home renovations	15%	17%	19%	24%	25%

## COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

### 2010 SURVEY RESULTS



#### Note on the survey results:

Approximately 1-9% of respondents for each question provided no answer. In tallying and reviewing the survey results, although we considered "no answer" as a separate response from "doesn't know", we combined their numbers to report these results.

Where do you believe the priority should be for infrastructure improvements?



	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	No opinion or No answer
1) Public schools (K-12)	9%	18%	67%	6%
2) University of Hawaii	16%	38%	38%	8%
3) Roads and highways	4%	37%	53%	6%
4) Airports	21%	50%	21%	8%
5) Harbors	22%	45%	22%	8%
6) Alternative energy	9%	30%	55%	6%
7) State parks	30%	48%	15%	7%

Given the state's budget shortfall, please tell me if you feel government spending in the following areas should be less, more, or the same.



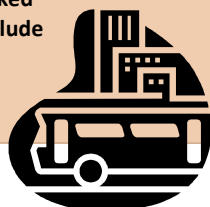
	Less spending	Same spending	More spending	No opinion or No answer
1) Human services/Welfare	25%	49%	20%	6%
2) Transportation	25%	52%	16%	7%
3) Environment	23%	42%	28%	7%
4) Crime enforcement	10%	54%	29%	7%
5) Crime/Drug abuse prevention	16%	49%	29%	6%
6) K-12 Education	12%	33%	50%	5%
7) Higher education	20%	42%	31%	7%
8) Health/Long-term care	16%	48%	31%	6%
9) Renewable energy	14%	33%	47%	6%
10) Economic development	18%	37%	38%	7%

According to estimates, the state's budget will have a deficit of upwards of \$1 billion by the end of the fiscal year 2011. How should we meet this challenge?

	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	No opinion or No answer	Somewhat support	Strongly support
1) Provide fewer government services	14%	12%	14%	36%	24%
2) Raise taxes/fees to fund government	33%	16%	8%	27%	16%

What is the most important issue facing the state in the coming year? Please rank from 1-6 with 1 being most important and 6 the least important.

The following shows the percentage of respondents who ranked each issue as 1—most important. The percentages shown include all “most important” responses given even when more than 1 issue was identified.



Economy	59%
Education	23%
Healthcare	7%
Environment/Energy	6%
Infrastructure	5%
Housing	3%

## What is the best way to generate more funds for state government?

	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	No opinion or No answer	Somewhat support	Strongly support
1) Increase GET by half to one percent	32%	11%	15%	22%	20%
2) Use hurricane insurance fund	36%	23%	15%	19%	7%
3) Use the Rainy Day Fund	22%	18%	14%	31%	15%
4) Transfer rail fund to the state	30%	10%	23%	13%	24%
5) Transfer hotel room taxes from the counties	33%	17%	22%	17%	11%
6) Impose barrel tax for infrastructure projects	13%	8%	49%	19%	11%
7) Impose higher taxes on soda and alcohol products	12%	8%	6%	28%	46%

## The Shortlist

**Tuesday, August 31, 2010**

**Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan Community Forum, McKinley School Cafeteria @ 5:30-8:00pm**

The HSTP is the driving force behind all transportation planning in Hawaii. Designed to provide direction to HDOT divisions—airports, harbors and highways—it provides a framework for development and growth issues. Come to this public forum to hear about HSTP Goals and Objectives and provide your feedback.

For more information about the HSTP, visit the DOT website at [www.hawaii.statewidetransplan.com](http://www.hawaii.statewidetransplan.com)



**Thursday, September 2, 2010**

**Evening Farmers' Market, The Parish of St. Clement's @ 4:30pm-dusk**

From the website:

*"The Makiki Farmers' Market at St. Clement's is among the most beautiful farmers' markets on the Island of Oahu, offering high quality foods and locally grown produce. Enjoy a friendly atmosphere as you shop, dine in or take out."*

For additional information, please visit the new website, [www.makiki.farmersmarket.com](http://www.makiki.farmersmarket.com).



**Friday, September 3, 2010**

**Farmers' Market, Makiki Christian Church @ 4:30pm-dusk**

Support our newest farmers' market in Makiki by coming to buy local and to meet your neighbors and local small business owners. Held every Friday; parking is available via the Pensacola or Rycroft entrances.

Makiki Christian Church's farmers' market is looking for produce and hot food vendors for several spots in the market. Please contact Nita, the market manager, at 330-6224 or [farm-freshhawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:farm-freshhawaii@yahoo.com) for more information.